



May 9, 2019

Policy Council Meeting Minutes by:
Tiffany Duperon

Present:

Crystal Abramczyk, Celia Anderson, Felicia Cannedy, Lauren Clark, Chelsea Crawford, Samantha Denning, Tiffany Duperon, Kayla Hilla, Ashley Mattiuzzo, Mary Mellberg, Marvin Micheau, Lynn Palcowski, Bethany Parent, Amber Stone, Donna Wiklanski, **Quorum Established**

Absent:

Rachell Alley, Britini DesJardins, Brandie Fairchild, BobAnn Fick, Gillian Gines, Brandy Keene Kari Leonard, Rebecca Leitelt, Candy Letson, Jamie Nelson, Shana North, Elizabeth Peters, Howard Peters, Brianna Reed, Audrey Ryan, Tonya Schroka, Jessica Tison, Samantha Marie Towne, Beth Whittington

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by Celia Anderson Policy Council Vice Chair.

Celia asked for a motion to approve sign-in sheet as roll call, Bethany motioned to approve sign-sheet for roll call, supported by Crystal, motion carried.

Celia asked for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes, Samantha Denning motioned to approve last month's meeting minutes, supported by Lauren Clark, motion carried.

Connecting Activity Mindfulness- Shelly Charron, Family Engagement Specialist

- ❖ Shelly introduced Mind Yeti, a website with mindfulness activities
- ❖ Families can access these activities for free at www.mindyeti.com

Budget report Shannon Phelps, early Childhood Programs Director

- ❖ Shannon shared that we are right on budget

Program Information Summary-Management Team

- ❖ Discussed the transportation Waiver and requested input and approval for Policy Council members

Celia asked for a motion to approve the Transportation Waiver, Lauren Clark motioned to approve the Transportation Waiver, supported by Crystal Abramczyk, motion carried.

Discussion of Self-Assessment Schedule and Request for Approval-Shannon Phelps, Early Childhood Programs Director

Celia asked for a motion to approve Self-Assessment Plan, Felicia Cannedy motioned to approve the Self-Assessment Plan, supported by Lynn Palcowski, motion carried.

Sharing of information from MHSA Assembly-Bethany Parent and Lynn Palcowski

- ❖ Lynn shared information from a session regarding focusing on thinking with a purpose
- ❖ Bethany shared the Tree Super Powers of parents-give instead of get, offer positive intent, and be someone's person.

Kindergarten entry Assessment-Dru O'Connor, Education Coach

- ❖ Dru shared that starting in 2019 children entering Kindergarten in Northwest Michigan will be observed using Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA)
- ❖ 50 question Assessment to help with transition going to kindergarten.

Adjourn for lunch at 11:30

Reconvene at 12:15

Agency and Board Updates-Kerry Baughman, NMCAA Executive Director

- ❖ Kerry talked about the potential for a growing collaboration between NMCAA and Michigan Works and encouraged thought around how the program develops professional capacity of those who access services.

Self-Assessment Activity-Shannon Phelps, Early Childhood Programs Director

- ❖ The group was asked to record thoughts relate to various program areas (ERSEA, Health, Education, etc.) and how Policy Council uses data to inform program planning and decision making.

Personnel Issues.

Celia asked for a motion to approve personnel issues, Kayla motioned to approve personnel issues, supported by Felicia, motion carried.

Raffle- # 33 Kayla Hilla

Celia asked for a motion to adjourn, Felicia motioned to adjourn, supported by Lauren, motion carried.

Meeting adjourn at 1:40 pm



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